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# **BROWNBACK CONGRATULATES GEORGIA ON VOTE FOR DEMOCRACY**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback today offered words of congratulation in response to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) determination that the Georgian voters were able to express their will freely in the recent parliamentary elections.

“The recent elections in Georgia have illustrated how far Georgia has gone down the path of democratization in a very short time,” Brownback said. “Over 60% of Georgian citizens went to the polls and freely exercised their democratic right to choose the party of their choice and to decide the future course of their country. The message is clear: the people are, and want to be, intimately involved in the building of the free and independent Georgian nation.

“I congratulate President Shevardnadze and the Citizens' Union on receiving such a clear mandate to move forward with their reform agenda and on the course of western orientation. The enormous task of combating corruption lies ahead, but this electoral victory has shown that the voters support this agenda and want to deal with this pervasive problem.

“These elections signal hope and confidence in the future of Georgia. I congratulate the Georgian people on this remarkable achievement,” Brownback said.